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ON DISARMAMENT: GUIDANCE FOR US DELEGATION

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WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE PREPARATION OF THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT DOCUMENTS BY THE SECRETARIAT:

-- PRESENTATION OF DISARMAMENT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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-- A PAPER ON EXISTING PRINCIPLES AND PROPOSALS FOR THE CONDUCT OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

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WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ELABORATE ARRANGEMENTS NEED BE MADE FOR A SERIES OF INFORMAL MEETINGS DURING THE SUMMER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVING A SPECIFIC MANDATE (E.G., TO REPORT TO THE PREPCOM IN SEPTEMBER). BUT WE WOULD STRONGLY FAVOR

ACTION AT THE MAY MEETING TO MAKE POSSIBLE PERIODIC INFORMAL MEETINGS FOR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER ISSUES. THE DELEGATION SHOULD WORK WITH OTHERS TO DEVELOP SUPPORT FOR SUCH MEETINGS AND TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS TO MAKE THEM POSSIBLE.

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PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH ANY SUB-COMMITTEE OR WORKING GROUP
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WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE PREPARATION OF THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT DOCUMENTS BY THE SECRETARIAT:

-- PRESENTATION OF DISARMAMENT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

-- A PAPER ON EXISTING PRINCIPLES AND PROPOSALS FOR THE CONDUCT OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

-- A DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES AND MACHINERY FOR DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

-- A COMPILATION OF PRESENTATION IN THEMATIC FORM OF RESPONSES TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REQUEST FOR COUNTRY VIEWS ON THE SSOD...PROVIDED THE COSTS OF SUCH SERVICES FALL WITHIN CURRENTLY BUDGETED SECRETARIAT FUNDS (\$90,000).

(3) NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS: ASSUMING THE STATEMENT ON NGOS TO BE PREPARED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND RAPPORTEUR ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT THE MARCH 31 BUREAU MEETING (USUN 1027), THE DELEGATION MAY SUPPORT IT AS INDICATED (STATE 82519).

(4) SCHEDULING OF FURTHER PREPCOM WORK AND INTERSESSIONAL WORKING ARRANGEMENTS: WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN A PATTERN OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS DURING THE SUMMER SO THAT DELEGATIONS CAN GAIN A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSITIONS OF DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTS AND IDENTIFY AREAS OF LIKELY AGREEMENT AND POSSIBLE DISAGREEMENT TO FACILITATE GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE EXPECTATIONS OF DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENTS AND IDENTIFICATION OF LIKELY AREAS OF ACCORD AND DISAGREEMENT. SINCE THERE APPEARS TO BE A GROWING EXPECTATION THAT DISCUSSIONS AT THE 32ND UNGA WILL SIGNIFICANTLY SHAPE THE COURSE OF PREPARATIONS DURING 1978 AS WELL AS THE SPECIAL SESSION ITSELF, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT A GROUNDWORK OF COMMON UNDERSTANDING BE LAID BEFORE THEN.

WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ELABORATE ARRANGEMENTS NEED BE MADE FOR A SERIES OF INFORMAL MEETINGS DURING THE SUMMER HAVING A SPECIFIC MANDATE (E.G., TO REPORT TO THE PREPCOM IN SEPTEMBER). BUT WE WOULD STRONGLY FAVOR

ACTION AT THE MAY MEETING TO MAKE POSSIBLE PERIODIC INFORMAL MEETINGS FOR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER ISSUES. THE DELEGATION SHOULD WORK WITH OTHERS TO DEVELOP SUPPORT FOR SUCH MEETINGS AND TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS TO MAKE THEM POSSIBLE.

SHOULD IT BECOME OBVIOUS THAT THE SECOND PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL NOT GO BEYOND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SKELETAL AGENDA FOR THE SESSION (E.G., ALONG THE LINES PROPOSED IN THE NON-ALIGNED "INFORMATION" PAPER), WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER A 4TH, AND AS YET UNSCHEDULED PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE SPRING OF 1978 TO ALLOW FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF A DETAILED AGENDA BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

(5) CREATION OF SUBCOMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS: THE DELEGATION SHOULD NOT OBJECT TO A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE ON THE CREATION OF SUBCOMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS OF THE WHOLE CORRESPONDING TO THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE

AGENDA AND TO THE ANTICIPATED COMPONENTS OF THE FINAL
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A WDC SUB-COMMITTEE OR A SUB-COMMITTEE FOCUSED ON THE
SO-CALLED DISARMAMENT-DEVELOPMENT LINK. FURTHER
GUIDANCE ON THESE ISSUES WILL BE PROVIDED AS NEEDED IN
THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS AT THE PREPCOM MEETING AND
THE DELEGATION'S RECOMMENDATIONS. OUR MAJOR PROCEDURAL
CONCERN WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-
COMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS WOULD BE TO AVOID AN
EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS. WE WOULD
PREFER THAT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS BE HELD AT DIFFERENT
TIMES DURING THE PREPARATORY PHASE. IF THERE IS A
PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH ANY SUB-COMMITTEE OR WORKING GROUP
WITH A MANDATE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK ON AN INTER-
SESSIONAL BASIS, THE DELEGATION SHOULD REPORT THE
DETAILS AND FURTHER GUIDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED.

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